

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2014

Live Births increased in April as 6,050 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,972 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April also both increased. For January-April, births increased by 2.1 percent from 23,753 to 24,242.

Deaths decreased slightly in April as 4,732 Missourians died compared with 4,803 in April, 2013. Deaths also decreased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, there were 19,643 Missouri resident deaths compared with 20,550 for the similar time period in 2013 for a decrease of 4.4 percent.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 1,318 (6,050 births minus 4,732 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the natural increase rose from 18,091 to 19,412.

Marriages decreased in April from 3,113 in 2013 to 2,865 in 2014. Marriages decreased slightly for the cumulative 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, marriages decreased from 8,874 to 8,817.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-April, dissolutions decreased by 9.1 percent from 6,893 to 6,269. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.79 to 1.94.

Infant Deaths decreased in April as 32 Missouri infants died compared with 45 in April of 2013. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 6.6 to 6.2 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>January-April Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Live Births	5,972	6,050	12.0	12.1	23,753	24,242	12.0	12.2	75,328	75,733	12.6	12.5	12.5
Deaths	4,803	4,732	9.7	9.5	20,550	19,643	10.3	9.9	57,237	56,321	9.2	9.5	9.3
Natural increase	1,169	1,318	2.4	2.6	3,203	4,599	1.6	2.3	18,091	19,412	3.3	3.0	3.2
Marriages	3,115	2,865	6.3	5.7	8,874	8,817	4.5	4.4	39,262	38,927	6.6	6.5	6.4
Dissolutions	1,925	1,743	3.9	3.5	6,893	6,269	3.5	3.1	21,985	20,060	3.9	3.6	3.3
Infant deaths	45	32	7.5	5.3	163	149	6.9	6.1	497	472	6.1	6.6	6.2
Population base (in thousands)			6,044	6,063			6,044	6,063			6,015	6,031	6,051

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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